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THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

ARREST OF CHINESE MINISTERS TO JAPAN.

EXCITEMENT IN SHANGHAI.

(Special Telegram from Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, Oct. 10, 4.9 p.m.
There is considerable excitement in Shanghai over the arrest here of Huang Chui-hsien, the Chinese Minister-designate to Japan, by Tsai Tso-tai, while a guest of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs in the Bubbling Well Road.

Huang is still confined there. The Chinese are afraid that an attempt will be made to rescue him if they carry him through the Foreign Settlements to the native city.

He was arrested under secret orders from Peking, which he will be sent.

RECTOR'S TELEGRAMS.

(Supplied to THE "CHINA MAIL.")

THE UNITED STATES—TROUBLE WITH INDIANS.

The Indians at Minnesota have killed a Major and six men of the United States Army. Fighting continues, and reinforcements and Gatlings have been despatched from St. Paul.

CRETE AND THE POWERS.

The French are sending 800 more men to Crete.

SICKNESS AMONGST THE TROOPS AT CAIRO.

There are seven hundred cases of sickness in the Cairo hospitals, being 6 per cent. of the whole of the Sudan force.

GENERAL SIR H. H. KITCHENER'S RETURN TO CAIRO.

General Sir H. H. Kitchener has returned to Cairo, and met with an enthusiastic reception.

THE PERILS OF FRENCH JOURNALISM.

Paris, September 24.
Madame Paulmier has been mortally wounded. M. Olivier, editor of the *Lanterne*, in consequence of allusions to her private life provoked by a letter of M. Paulmier, Deputy, calling upon General Chanoin to repress the attacks on the army.

PARIS, September 30.

M. Olivier's condition is better. Madame Paulmier has been provisionally released.

PARIS, October 1.

A duel took place this morning between M. Paulmier and M. Turot, the author of the article in the *Lanterne*. Both were slightly wounded.

THE FRENCH AT FASHODA.

Paris, September 30.
The Marchand Mission arrived at Fashoda on the 10th of July. The French and Anglo-Egyptian flags flew over Fashoda.

SPAIN AND THE PHILIPPINES.

Insurrection is spreading in the Philippines. Spain has protested to the United States against the supply of firearms to the rebels.

DEATH OF MADAME CARNOT.

Paris, October 1.
M. Carnot, the widow of the late President, died suddenly yesterday at Versailles.

ASSAULT ON FOREIGNERS AT PEKING.

Paris, October 2.
A mob at Peking insulted Mr. Mortimer, of the British Legation, and threw stones and mud at him. The Chinese Secretary of the American Legation was also wounded.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory—

On the 10th at 11.55 a.m. Pressure is very little changed, and remains high over China, relatively low in the N.E. part of the China Sea and in the Pacific to the E. of Formosa. Gradients moderate with strong monsoon on the coast and in the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast—fresh N. winds; dull, rainy.

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MR. JOHN STANLEY, Q.C., IS APPOINTED AS JUDGE OF THE CALCUTTA HIGH COURT, AND THE HON. E. J. TRAVELL, Q.C., AS JUDGE OF THE BOMBAY HIGH COURT.

On the morning of his appointment Mr. Stanley was on the board of the laboratory. Prof. Wilson informs his students that he has this day been appointed Hon. Judge of the Calcutta High Court, and that he will be leaving for Calcutta on the 15th inst. The Hon. E. J. Travell, Q.C., has been appointed Judge of the Bombay High Court, and will leave for Bombay on the 15th inst.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Legislative Council met this afternoon. H. E. Major-General Black, C.B., Acting-Governor, presided. There were present—Hon. T. Sercombe Smith, Acting Colonial Secretary; Hon. H. E. Pollock, Acting Attorney-General; Hon. R. D. Ormsby, Director of Public Works; Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police; Hon. A. M. Thomson, Acting Colonial Treasurer; Hon. R. Murray Ramsay, Harbour Master; Hon. C. F. Chester, C.M.G., J. J. Bell-Irving, Hon. K. E. R. Bell, C.M.G., and Hon. Wei Yuk, and Mr. J. G. T. Buckle, Clerk of Councils.

Mr. T. S. Smith laid on the table the annual report of the Principal Civil Medical Officer and the Report of the Injurious Liquors Commission. He also laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 6) and moved its adoption. Mr. A. M. Thomson seconded.

SANITARY BY-LAWS.

Mr. T. S. Smith—I have the honour to move the following resolution which stands in my name—That the following Resolution passed by the Sanitary Board on the 22nd September, 1898, approved by the Legislative Council—That By-law 9 of the By-laws made by the Board on the 13th day of March, 1891, and amended on the 22nd day of April, 1891, for the regulation of sanitary maintenance of common lodging-houses, under sub-section 12 of section 13 of Ordinance 24 of 1887 and sub-section D of section 1 of Ordinance 26 of 1890, be revoked. That Bill, Sir, refers to the placing up of signboards outside lodging-houses and to putting up in the rooms of lodging-houses a board showing the number of persons who may inhabit each room.

LEGISLATION OF VILLAGES.

Mr. Ormsby—I have the honour to move the following resolution—Be it resolved by the Legislative Council that the percentage on the valuation of tenements, payable as rates, in the village of Hung Hom be altered from 10 to 12 per cent. and in the village of Mongkok from 9 to 10 per cent. By this resolution, Sir, it is proposed that 11 per cent. increase on the rate now paid be made to meet the cost of gas light, the mains having been extended through these villages.

NATURALIZATION BILL.

Mr. Pollock moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance for the Naturalization of one Chung Wo alias On Oi alias On He alias On Kwok He.

THE ESTIMATES.

Mr. Smith, in moving the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Two Millions one hundred and Eighty-seven thousand five hundred and Ninety-eight Dollars and Eight Cents to the Public Service of the Year 1899, said the total estimated revenue for the year 1899 was \$2,886,137, and the estimated expenditure chargeable against revenue \$2,874,210, leaving a balance on the budget in favour of revenue of \$11,927.20. He then explained a few points in the Estimates. In the Colonial Secretary's Department it would be noticed that two more cadets were provided for. The expenditure on the Post Office for 1899 was estimated at \$26,000 more than the expenditure of 1898. There were the usual stipulated increments, and the expansion of the business of the money order and registration branches. He then mentioned the appointment of new clerks. During the year two branch offices had been opened, one at Kowloon and one in the western part of the city, and rent had to be provided for these offices. He then mentioned the members of the Council of the Government in having undertaken, subject to the sanction of the Secretary of State, to establish a public school at Kowloon. The cost of maintaining that school was estimated at \$6,850. The rest of the expenditure in the Estimates was due to the increase of salaries at Queen's College. It was estimated that \$1,600 a year would be derived from fees from the Kowloon School, and at Queen's College, where the fees had been raised, it was anticipated there would be an increase of \$600. An increase in the salary of the Registrar General was accounted for by the increase of detectives' salaries, temporary ration allowances of Indian constables, etc. In the Sanitary Department there was an increase of \$250 to provide for an increase of the Sanitary Engineer's salary. One chief inspector was to be taken from home, and there was to be appointed five first-class inspectors, six second-class inspectors, and six third-class inspectors, which would bring the staff up to the establishment of a town like Newcastle on Tyne. He explained a number of other points in detail.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION, AND NO OBJECTION BEING TAKEN TO ANY OF THE ITEMS THE COUNCIL RECOMMENDED CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL WHICH PASSED.

The Council then adjourned sine die.

AN EDITOR OF THE 2ND INSTANT EXPOSES 'TAN CHUI-HSIEN' AS EX-GOVERNER OF HUPEH, FROM GOING TO PEKING FOR AN AUDIENCE, AND ORDERS HIM TO RETURN TO HIS HOME IN HUPEH.

The Governorship of Hupeh, it will be remembered, was in August last abolished by an edict of His Majesty Kung Hsi, in consequence of the unpopularity of Tan Chui-hsien, who had been Governor of Kuangtung and Yunnan owing to there being a Viceroy also in each of these three provinces. It will also be remembered that among the unfortunate six martyrs to the Boxer rebellion was Tan Chui-hsien, the eldest son and heir of the ex-Governor of Hupeh. It may have been this circumstance which has placed this official under the ban of suspicion, and that the order for him to return to his home is a sort of "honourable confinement."—*37-C Daily News.*

THE CHINESE CORRESPONDENT OF THE N.O. DAILY NEWS WRITER ON THE 3RD INST.—CHANG SHI-CHUNG'S BOOK HAS BEEN SELLING RAPIDLY. I TRIED TO PURCHASE A COPY, BUT AS THE SHOP HAD SOLD OUT, WAS OBLIGED TO WAIT TILL A NEW SUPPLY ARRIVED FROM THE METROPOLIS. HIS EXPLANATION IS ON THE FACE, BUT PREPARING FOR THE JUMP TOWARDS LIBERALISM. UNFORTUNATELY HE HAS THE CLASSICS AND OTHER THINGS CHINESE IN HIS HEAD. BUT HE IS PREPARED TO EXHIBIT TO HIS COUNTRYMEN THE UNIVERSAL PRINCIPLES OF A PROGRESSIVE AGE, AND AT THE SAME TIME REMINDING A GOVERNMENT OF THE NEED OF A MODERATE AND REASONABLE CHANGE IN THE MINDS OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE. THE DESCRIPTION OF A FEW LIBERAL PRINCIPLES WILL ONLY HAVE THE EFFECT OF BEING A BOMB IN THE HAND OF THE CHINESE, AND AS THE CHINESE ARE NOT YET PREPARED TO ACCEPT SUCH A PROPOSITION, THE AUTHOR'S PROPAGANDA WILL BE A FAILURE. DURING HIS VISIT TO THE CHINESE, HE WILL BE OBLIGED TO REMIND THEM OF THE NEED OF A MODERATE AND REASONABLE CHANGE IN THE MINDS OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE. THE DESCRIPTION OF A FEW LIBERAL PRINCIPLES WILL ONLY HAVE THE EFFECT OF BEING A BOMB IN THE HAND OF THE CHINESE, AND AS THE CHINESE ARE NOT YET PREPARED TO ACCEPT SUCH A PROPOSITION, THE AUTHOR'S PROPAGANDA WILL BE A FAILURE. DURING HIS VISIT TO THE CHINESE, HE WILL BE OBLIGED TO REMIND THEM OF THE NEED OF A MODERATE AND REASONABLE CHANGE IN THE MINDS OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE.

MOVEMENTS OF THE BRITISH SQUADRON.

In the course of the next fortnight it is expected that Admiral FitzGerald will turn over from the *Griffin* to the *Burgoyne*, which will in future carry the flag of the second-in-command on this Station. From time to time, it has been rumoured that Admiral Sir E. H. Seymour would hoist his flag on the *Victorious*; but we understand that such a change is not under contemplation, and that the *Centurion* will remain the flagship of the Commander-in-Chief. Other changes, however, are in contemplation. H.M.S. *Immerdale* returns to England, and it is considered highly probable that the *Narvik* will follow her, their places being taken by the *Cambrian* and another cruiser of this class. The tendency of the naval authorities appears to be to secure for the China Station fast cruisers of the most modern type, a class less heavily protected than the *Immerdale* and her sister ships, *Narvik* and *Undaunted*, but armed with a more modern equipment of guns, and possessed of a higher speed. The *Burgoyne* and *Hermione* are types of the *Cambrian* class. They are thought of very highly by naval men. The *Undaunted*, which recommissioned on this Station, will change her armament here. Orders have been issued to have her "breach-loaders" converted into quick-firing guns, and the necessary materials are to be sent to the Hongkong Dockyard.

As soon as Admiral FitzGerald has transferred to the *Burgoyne* and the new crew of that vessel have shaken down in their quarters, the *Burgoyne* will go north, and Admiral Seymour, to whom a severe winter in northern latitudes presents no attractions, will winter at Hongkong, probably visiting some of the southern ports.

H.M.S. *Edgar* IS EXPECTED TO REVISIT THE FAR EAST WITH RELIEF CRUISER FOR SHIPS RE-ARMED ON THE CHINA STATION.

Rumour has it that H.M.S. *Sultan* is coming out as guardship for Weihaiwei. The *Sultan* will be remembered for striking the bottom of the Mediterranean. She is a battleship of the third class, armoured, 16 guns, 2200 tons displacement, 8000 horse-power under forced draught (6000 normal), and is at present in Portsmouth Harbour.

IT WAS STATED THE OTHER DAY THAT THE FOUR NEW RIVER GUNBOATS COMING OUT IN PIECES AS FREIGHT TO HONGKONG WERE TO BE FITTED TOGETHER BY THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY. WE ARE NOW INFORMED THAT THE NAVAL YARD-STAFF WILL CARRY OUT THE WORK THEMSELVES.

SHOOTING.

The October Carbine Competition for the 'Captain Francis Carbine Challenge Cup' resulted in an easy win for the Field Battalion, who defeated the 'A' Machine Gun Company team by 61 points. Appendix are the scores—

FIELD BATTALION.

Sgt. Butler	200	400	500	700
Sgt. Hayward	20	30	28	80
Sgt. Corp. Gov	20	30	28	80
Sgt. Donaldson	27	30	27	84
Sgt. B. S. Duncan	29	28	23	79
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Sgt. Skelton	30	38	30	98
Sgt. Lamont	27	24	20	71
Sgt. Holmes	27	24	20	71
Sgt. Gray	29	27	23	79
Sgt. Sanders	28	12	23	63
Sgt. Fullerton	24	16	20	60
Sgt. Underwood	18	24	13	55
Sgt. Barrett	23	22	11	56

THE 'A' MACHINE GUN COMPANY'S MONTHLY CARBINE COMPETITION FOR THE CUPS AND APOONS WAS FIRED AT THE SAME TIME AS THE ABOVE MATCH. THE NO. 1 CUP WAS WON BY 'CORPORAL SKEELTON' WITH THE EXCELLENT NET SCORE OF 95, WHICH INDICATES A 'POSSIBLE' AT 400 YARDS. THE NO. 2 CUP FELL TO 'CORPORAL HOLMES', A PROMISING YOUNG SHOT WHOSE SCORE STOOD AT 84, INCLUDING 17 POINTS HANDICAP.

THIBET AND SZECHUEN.

Yachow, September 27.
There is an unusual quantity of 'disturbing talk' floating about in certain districts. The fear of it from the far south-west of Szechuen, from Tsching on the frontier, and from the border of the 'wild men's' country to the northwest. This has been helped by the uncertain prospects of harvest owing to long continued and severe rain, but for the past week happily bright, warm sunshine has prevailed, and a more hopeful time is abroad. A four-fifths crop is the rule in the West this year. The scarcity of copper cash has eased somewhat, though there is little confidence that the appreciation of silver is permanent.

THE RECORDS IN THIBET.

To-day, the prefect of Yachow has arrived from Tibet whether he was sent to settle the troubles following upon Chang Tung-ho's raid into Chantal and Dorje last year. The whole raid district has been given over to Lhasa and Lama rule, and a re-cession of annexed territory on the part of China, as is little comprehensible as the 'addiction' of the Russians in Korea. There are those who say that China is apprehensive of the growing independence of the Lamas, and as the treaty between England and Tibet expires this year, she is afraid the Lamas may open a road for the British from Darjeeling to Lhasa; but then who knows? Any way we are not tired for hoping and sometimes helping a bit to make our hopes blossom. This much is sure, there is peace on the border. The tribute has gone to the capital and our local trade is reviving. Two merchants have built new houses and tea-processing plants, and another has greatly enlarged his premises. And finally as an indication of the fact that 'talk is no work' a local school, a school neighbour went up for the examinations at Peking and was successful, as much as that a few days since he started Yachow out of its normal slumber by a long telegram, 'all the way from Peking' telling of his appointment to office. And there was much joy in that household.

NEW PAPER WHICH WILL HAVE THEIR OWN PUBLICATION.

It is reported that a new paper will have their own publication.

THE OPENING CRICKET MATCH.

CRUISING DEFEAT OF THE FIRST XI.—THE COUP D'ETAT.

When we went to press on Saturday afternoon, the all-comers had put together 203 against 7 for four wickets on the part of the Seniors. After this, Elliot and Archer stopped the scoring at 10, and it looked as if the XIII. were to play out time when Capt. Lawson pulled out the ace of trumps from his capacious sleeve. This happened to be A. G. Stokes, who in a few minutes transformed the game entirely. In his first over, he was hit twice to the boundary, but in the next he accomplished the unique performance in an opening match of taking three wickets in three balls, clean-bowling Langhorne and Davies and getting Mast stumped off his despatch underhand stroke. Langhorne was bowled by a precisely similar ball which the bowler 'retired' W. G. Grace on the last occasion he played against him at the celebrated ground of Lord (knows where). The score only amounted to 74, and it must be very satisfactory to the Club Committee to see so many new youngsters, who seem to hold out great promise of doing well.

THE MATCHES FOR 15th OCTOBER AND 22nd OCTOBER ARE AGAINST THE NAVY AND THE GARRISON RESPECTIVELY.

The following are full scores and bowling analyses—

THE CROWN.

H. A. Lamont, b. Lethbridge	0
S. A. Sub, b. Lethbridge	0
A. G. Stokes, b. Lethbridge	0
C. M. G. Smith, b. Lethbridge	0
Captain Buttschaw, b. Elliot	13
F. D. Bain, b. Langhorne, b. Campbell	10
K. G. Campbell R.A., c. Moberly	10
Davis	63
Jas. McKie, b. Elliot	10
Geoffrey, b. Elliot	10
A. R. Lowe, b. Langhorne, b. Mast	19
Gerard, b. Elliot, b. Davis	19
W. J. Mayson, b. Mast	21
H. Hancock, c. Anton, b. Mast	1
H. Humphreys, c. Davis, b. Mast	0
Moberly, b. Hancock	0
H. G. Smith, b. Mast	0
Bedwell, R.N., b. Elliot	8
Green, b. Langhorne	2
Castle, R.A., c. Cox, b. Langhorne	5
Clough, b. Langhorne	7
H. A. Seth, b. W., c. Campbell	0
A. K. Izat, R.A., c. Campbell, b. Cox	4
Wilkinson, R.A., not out	0
F. Lamont, b. Cox	0
G. A. Woodcock, c. Arthur, b. Cox	0
J. A. Lowes (Capt.), c. Arthur, b. Cox	13
Batting	203

THE THIRTEENS.

G. D. Campbell, H.K.R., c. Gerard	3
B. Burns, b. Burns	3
P. A. Cox, b. Burns	0
Lieut. Elliot, R.N., b. Lowe	26
A. S. Grant, b. Hancock	0
Geoffrey, b. Hancock	0
Capt. Langhorne, R.A., b. Stokes	9
H. Arthur, c. Stokes, b. Burns	11
H. M. Lethbridge, K.O.R., b. Howard	11
Capt. Dyson, c. Burns, b. Howard	3
Geoffrey, b. Hancock	12
Lieut. Davies, R.A., b. Stokes	12
E. Mast, c. Gerard, b. Stokes	0
S. Sercombe Smith, b. Hancock, b. Stokes	1
Batting	6

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BOWLING ANALYSES.

THE CROWN.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lethbridge	18	2	30	8
T. S. Smith	14	4	41	2
Elliot	14	1	84	4
Geoffrey	12	1	15	1
F. A. Hastings	3	1	15	1
E. Mast	13	1	26	5
P. G. Davis	5	1	20	2
Capt. Langhorne	9	1	10	4
P. A. Cox	4	1	13	3

THE THIRTEENS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
C. M. Burns	7	1	15	3
H. Hancock	8	1	13	8
A. R. Lowe	5	1	12	1
Howard	10	1	8	2
Buttschaw	3	1	13	1
A. G. Stokes	1	1	9	4
Batting	6	1	9	4

Second Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. G. Stokes	4	1	24	1
Maryatt	4	1	8	2
Bedwell	1	1	1	1
Stokes bowled a wide.				

WHEN PRINCE ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT RETURNS TO ENGLAND HE WILL BE JOINED BY THE 3RD ARMY CORPS IN ORDER THAT HE MAY BE PREPARED FOR THE EXAMINATION FOR THE ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY AT WOLWICH. PRINCE ARTHUR IS TO TAKE UP THE ARMY AS A REGULAR PROFESSION, AND THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE QUEEN, WISHES HIM TO JOIN THE ROYAL ARTILLERY.

The following paragraph from the *Saturday Review* is an excellent example of the harm that is done to British interests in China by interested financial agents.—Signor Luzatti, the agent in China of the British Syndicate, has been in London, and although he says that the time for intervention has not yet come, he has made one startling statement to a *Financiers' News* representative. Li Hung Chang is generally credited with being the great stumbling-block in the way of British interests in China. Indeed, not very long ago, it was reported that something very like a request to have him banished, drawn, and quartered had been made by the British Government to the Chinese authorities. But it appears that he was quite mistaken about him. Signor Luzatti says that, so far as the Peking Syndicate is concerned, it owes very much to 'the good offices of the great Viceroy, Li Hung Chang.' It was suggested that a note be sent to the Chinese authorities, asking them to remove him from China, and that the use of 'palm oil' judiciously applied. We have no desire to pry too curiously into the secrets of the Peking Syndicate, but we confess that we should like to know just how much those 'good offices' of the great Viceroy have cost. To judge by Li Hung Chang's previous history, they have not been great either in number or in value.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A NEGLECTED AID TO BRITISH COMMERCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hamburg, September 9, 1898.

SIR,—The British public is gradually awakening to the fact that if our nation is to hold its own commercially in the future as in the past, it behooves every individual member of every class of society to work in most intelligent and energetic way to the utmost of his ability, as one body, with one spirit and one goal.

As a worker towards such an end, may I suggest to those concerned, to Members of Parliament, to Chambers of Commerce, and to the commercial public generally, through the medium of your valued columns, that a very able corps of co-workers remains unorganised, unrecognised, and comparatively valueless as a source of commercial information. It alludes to the 15,000 British Shipmasters, who are responsible for the safety of over 15,000,000 of British tonnage, valued at £70,000,000, which convey, roughly speaking, £1,000,000,000 (British £200,000,000) of imports and exports to and from the world annually. Visiting every port in every clime, dealing directly with foreign authorities and foreign merchants, their experience is, I am convinced, a latent mine of information, which, if held by men of mature understanding, would gladly be placed at the service of Chambers of Commerce and of their fellow-countrymen, here and abroad, were a public appeal made to them and a satisfactory method of collecting and collating such information called into being in the shape of a Nautical Chamber, composed

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Twenty-
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OFFICE, No. 4, The Arcade, Hongkong, on
THURSDAY, the 20th October, 1898, at
Noon, for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors together with
Statements of Accounts for the year 1897
and for the half year ending the 30th June,
1898, and of electing DIVIDENDS.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society
will be CLOSED from the 19th to the 20th
October, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
W. J. SAUNDERS,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, September 22, 1898. 1809

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Seventeenth Ordinary General
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in the above Company will be held at the
HEAD OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on
TUESDAY, the 31st October, 1898, at
Twelve o'clock Noon, for the purpose of
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LONDON, &c.	F. N. TILLARD	Noon, 16th October.
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